

## **Budget Worksheet**

**Monthly Income.** Enter your gross and net (after taxes) income from all sources. For income received infrequently, such as bonuses or tax returns, calculate the annual income, then divide by 12 to find the monthly amount.

| Source                       | Gross | Net |
|------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Job                          |       |     |
| Spouse's job                 |       |     |
| Part-time job                |       |     |
| Rental/room & board received |       |     |
| Commissions/bonuses          |       |     |
| Tax refunds                  |       |     |
| Investment income            |       |     |
| Government benefits          |       |     |
| Unemployment insurance       |       |     |
| Child support/alimony        |       |     |
| Support from family/friends  |       |     |
| Other                        |       |     |
| Total                        |       |     |

**Monthly Expenses.** Since many expenses are variable, such as utilities and groceries, it is important to average these expenses. Other expenses are periodic (such as insurance or vehicle registration). Again, calculate the annual amount and divide by 12.

| Category   | Expense                                | Monthly Average | Monthly Goal |
|--|--|-----------------|--------------|
| HOUSING  | Rent/Mortgage                          |                 |              |
|  | 2nd Mortgage/Equity Line               |                 |              |
|  | Homeowner's/Renter's Insurance         |                 |              |
|  | Condo Fees/HOA Dues                    |                 |              |
|  | Home Maintenance                       |                 |              |
|  | Gas/Electric                           |                 |              |
|  | Water/Sewer/Garbage                    |                 |              |
|  | Telephone                              |                 |              |
| F00D   | Groceries/Household Items              |                 |              |
| FOOD   | At Work/School                         |                 |              |
| INSURANCE  | Health/Dental/Vision                   |                 |              |
| (Exclude payroll deducted amounts)                   | Life/Disability                        |                 |              |
|  | Doctor/Chiropractor                    |                 |              |
| MEDICAL CARE<br>(Exclude payroll deducted amounts)   | Optometrist/Lenses                     |                 |              |
|  | Dentist/Orthodontist                   |                 |              |
|  | Prescriptions                          |                 |              |
|  | Car Payment #1                         |                 |              |
| TRANSPORTATION<br>(Exclude payroll deducted amounts) | Car Payment #2                         |                 |              |
|  | Auto Insurance                         |                 |              |
|  | Registration                           |                 |              |
|  | Gasoline/Oil                           |                 |              |
|  | Maintenance/Repairs                    |                 |              |
|  | Public Transportation/Tolls/Parking    |                 |              |
| CHILD CARE   | Daycare                                |                 |              |
| (Exclude payroll deducted amounts)                   | Child Support/Alimony                  |                 |              |
| SAVINGS  | Emergency                              |                 |              |
|  | Goals                                  |                 |              |
|  | Prior Year                             |                 |              |
| INCOME TAXES   | Estimated Tax Payments (Self-Employed) |                 |              |

| Category                      | Expense                         | Monthly Average | Monthly Goal |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| UNSECURED DEBT                | Loan payment                    |                 |              |
|                               | Credit Card #1                  |                 |              |
|                               | Credit Card #2                  |                 |              |
|                               | Credit Card #3                  |                 |              |
| PERSONAL                      | Clothing/Jewelry                |                 |              |
|                               | Cosmetics/Manicure              |                 |              |
| ENTERTAINMENT                 | Cable/Satellite                 |                 |              |
|                               | Movies/Concerts/Theater         |                 |              |
|                               | Books/Magazines                 |                 |              |
|                               | CD/Tapes/Videos/DVD             |                 |              |
|                               | Dining Out                      |                 |              |
|                               | Sports/Hobbies                  |                 |              |
|                               | Vacation/Travel                 |                 |              |
| MISCELLANEOUS                 | Banking Fees                    |                 |              |
|                               | Laundry                         |                 |              |
|                               | Union Dues                      |                 |              |
|                               | Internet Service                |                 |              |
|                               | Pet Care                        |                 |              |
|                               | Gifts for Holidays/Birthdays    |                 |              |
|                               | Cell Phone/Pager                |                 |              |
|                               | Postage                         |                 |              |
|                               | Cigarettes/Alcohol              |                 |              |
|                               | Contributions to Church/Charity |                 |              |
|                               | Other                           |                 |              |
|                               | Other                           |                 |              |
|                               | Other                           |                 |              |
| Totals (include totals from p | revious page)                   |                 |              |

**Bottom Line.** Once you have determined the total of your take-home pay and expenses you are ready to determine your bottom line. Subtract the total of all expenses including debt payments from your net income. If the result is a positive number, you can add the extra money to your savings to reach your goals sooner. If your expenses exceed your income, you'll need to make some adjustments to bring your finances back into balance.

| Total Monthly Income | Total Expenses | Balance |
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